

# PROPOSAL FOR NEW MUNICIPAL PLAN ENDORSEMENT PROCESS: TABLE OF REQUIREMENTS AND BENEFITS

REQUIREMENTS	BENEFITS	STATE ACTION
<b>Step 1: Initial Assessment</b>		
<p>Municipal Self-Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission of Required Documents               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Master plan</li> <li>2. Land Use Element</li> <li>3. Fair Share Plan &amp; Housing Element</li> <li>4. Existing optional sub-elements</li> <li>5. Zoning Map and schedule</li> <li>6. Capital improvement plan</li> <li>7. School district long-term capital program</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Statement of Community Vision and Public Participation</li> <li>• Status of COAH Fair Share Plan &amp; Obligations</li> <li>• Mapping of all existing and proposed affordable housing sites</li> <li>• Mapping of all current and proposed State Plan planning area boundaries, Centers, Cores, Nodes, Area in Need of Redevelopment, TDR Receiving Areas, CAFRA Centers, or Transit Village Areas</li> <li>• Land Use Inventory</li> <li>• Inventory of development application approvals</li> <li>• Completion of Smart Growth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Improved community planning in accord with state-of-the-art practices</i></li> <li>• <i>Community input and involvement in planning for future growth and conservation</i></li> <li>• <i>Technical assistance and recognition from dedicated working groups within State agencies</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>State agencies will identify groups of people dedicated to evaluation of petitioner’s plans. The state agency “Smart growth team” will work with a petitioner throughout the PE process providing technical assistance including access to most recent data and resources, explanation of programmatic requirements, applications for funding programs, and answers to general questions. Contact information will be provided to municipalities or counties upon receipt of a completed petition.</i></p>

<p>Scorecard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local public hearing and resolution adopting Community Vision and commencing Plan Endorsement</li> </ul> <p>State Agency Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resource Capacity Assessment</li> <li>Infrastructure Assessment (identification of water &amp; wastewater utility providers; capacity status; &amp; current performance (e.g. any violations of permits)</li> <li>Transit Score Evaluation</li> <li>Initial Smart Growth Assessment Report</li> <li>Completion of state agency assessment within 100 days</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Step 2: Certification of Eligibility for Plan Endorsement</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formulation of Contract and Action Plan for Endorsement</li> <li>Local public hearing and resolution approving Action Plan</li> <li>SPC approval of Action Plan</li> <li>OSG issuance of Certification of Eligibility</li> </ul> <p>**Municipalities with Initial Plan Endorsement Automatically Eligible for Certification of Eligibility for Plan Endorsement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Eligible to Participate in Transit Village Program</i></li> <li><i>Eligible to commence TDR Receiving Area designation</i></li> <li><i>Eligible to commence Area in Need of Redevelopment designation</i></li> <li><i>Eligible to propose State Plan planning area boundary changes</i></li> <li><i>Eligible to commence SPC Center designation</i></li> <li><i>Eligible to commence CAFRA area Center designation</i></li> <li><i>Eligible for participation in EDA's New Jersey Urban Fund program</i></li> <li><i>Enhanced Scoring HMFA Tax Credit Program</i></li> <li><i>Preferential Interest Rates for state loan programs</i></li> <li><i>Enhanced Scoring Smart</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>Legislative amendments to LRHL and TDR</i></p> <p><i>Regulatory changes to CAFRA and HMFA rules</i></p> <p><i>Programmatic changes to DCA grants, SPC Center designations, EDA programs, EIT funding, and Transit Village program (recent bill proposed for statutory authority for Transit Village designation)</i></p>

	<p><i>Future Grants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Preferential consideration for Mayors’ Institute on Community Design</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Step 3: Plan Endorsement</b>		
<b>A. General</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Population, Household &amp; Employment projections</li> <li>• Build-Out Analysis (projection of trend)</li> <li>• Update Master Plan Consistent with the State Plan and NRI</li> <li>• Update Zoning Map consistent with updated planning area/center boundaries</li> <li>• Identification &amp; Mapping of All Proposed changes to the State Plan Policy Map, including Cores, Nodes, and Centers</li> <li>• Enact Land Use and Other Ordinances Necessary to Implement Master Plan</li> <li>• Infrastructure Capacity Analysis (roads, water supply, wastewater, schools)</li> <li>• Community Design Program</li> <li>• Community Facilities Plan</li> <li>• Approved Municipal Emergency Plan</li> <li>• Approved Capital Improvement Program</li> <li>• Inventory of All Pending Municipal Land Use Approvals</li> <li>• “Green Building” Program</li> <li>• Consistency with applicable local, regional and State plans</li> <li>• Planning and Implementation Agreement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Improved alignment with state agency goals, policies and programs resulting in increased state support</i></li> <li>• <i>Recognition of PE build-out analysis for fulfillment of other state regulatory program requirements</i></li> <li>• <i>Recognition of PE capacity and sustainability analysis for fulfillment of DEP regulatory program requirements</i></li> <li>• <i>Model ordinances</i></li> <li>• <i>Eligibility to impose impact fees</i></li> <li>• <i>Eligibility for tax sharing districts</i></li> <li>• <i>Smart Growth Legal Shield (legal support/indemnification by the State)</i></li> <li>• <i>Enhanced scoring for CDBG Small Cities program</i></li> <li>• <i>Enhanced scoring for the Neighborhood Preservation program in favor of PE town similarly qualified as non-endorsed town</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>Regulatory and programmatic changes from SPC, DCA, COAH, Office of Law and Public Safety, and DEP</i></p>
<b>B. Agriculture</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farmland Preservation/Agriculture Retention Program</li> <li>• Right-to-Farm Ordinance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Enhanced Scoring for County and Municipal Planning Incentive Grants</i></li> <li>• <i>Technical Assistance</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>SADC regulatory amendment</i></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agriculture Advisory Committee</li> <li>• Dedicated Open Space Tax</li> </ul>		
<b>C. Commerce and Economic Development</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of Redevelopment Opportunities</li> <li>• Analysis of Commercial District</li> <li>• Brownfields Inventory</li> <li>• Greyfields Inventory</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Scholarship to Downtown Revitalization Institute for Municipal Representatives</i></li> <li>• <i>Enhanced Scoring for BEIP Grants</i></li> <li>• <i>Access to Favorable Interest Loan Products</i></li> <li>• <i>Eligibility for Brownfields Programs</i></li> <li>• <i>Technical Assistance</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>Programmatic changes from Main Street New Jersey; EDA, EIT, DEP, NJRA, Commerce</i></p>
<b>D. Education</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved Long-Range Facilities Plan (LRFP)</li> <li>• Meeting with Governing Body &amp; School Board to Coordinate Plans</li> <li>• Site Selection for School Facilities in Municipal Master Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Technical Assistance with School Site Selection</i></li> </ul>	
<b>E. Environment</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Municipal Environmental Justice Plan</li> <li>• T&amp;E Species Protection Plan or Habitat Conservation Plan where necessary</li> <li>• Natural Resource Inventory</li> <li>• Coastal Consistency Plan (where applicable)</li> <li>• TMDL Implementation Plan and ordinances</li> <li>• Stream Corridor Protection Plan and ordinance</li> <li>• Septic Management Plan and ordinance</li> <li>• Municipal Stormwater Management Plan and ordinance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Technical Assistance</i></li> <li>• <i>Municipal Environmental Justice Inventory</i></li> <li>• <i>Coordinated Regulatory Review for Complex Projects consistent with PE</i></li> <li>• <i>Prioritized 319(h) Funding Assistance for areas with approved watershed restoration plans</i></li> <li>• <i>Eligible for EIT funding for sewer/water capacity expansions</i></li> <li>• <i>Enhanced Scoring for Environmental Infrastructure Trust Funding</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>Regulatory and programmatic changes from DEP and EIT</i></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stormwater Permit program compliance</li> <li>• Flood control plan</li> <li>• Wastewater Management Plan update (WMP adoption is a PIA requirement)</li> <li>• Water conservation ordinances</li> <li>• Well Head Protection Ordinance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Preferential Interest Rates for EIT loans</i></li> <li>• <i>Enhanced Scoring Green Acres Grants</i></li> <li>• <i>Streamlined review of development applications (including public and private projects) that are consistent with an endorsed plan</i></li> <li>• <i>Creation of DEP working groups dedicated to working directly with towns to move project applications through DEP programs</i></li> </ul>	
<p><b>F. Historic Resources</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mapped Inventory of Historic/Cultural Resources</li> <li>• Historic Preservation Element required in Master Plan</li> <li>• NJ Register of Historic Places listed sites and historic districts mapped</li> <li>• Historic Preservation Ordinance (optional)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Technical Assistance(NJHT and HPO)</i></li> <li>• <i>Enhanced Scoring for Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT) grant applications. (NJHT)</i></li> <li>• <i>If optional ordinance is drafted, eligibility to participate in Certified Local Government (CLG) programs and access to federal grant funding.(HPO)</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>Programmatic changes from NJHT and HPO</i></p>
<p><b>G. Conservation and Open Space</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Space Tax</li> <li>• Open Space, Recreation and Parks Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Enhanced Scoring for Green Acres grant and loan funding</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>Regulatory changes from Green Acres</i></p>
<p><b>H. Housing</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehensive Housing Element with Affordable Housing Fair Share Plan</li> <li>• Submit Petition for COAH Substantive Certification (Third Round Substantive Certification is a PIA requirement)</li> <li>• Formulation of Appropriate Affordable Housing Plan</li> <li>• Growth Share Ordinance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Technical Assistance for PE towns</i></li> <li>• <i>Model ordinances</i></li> <li>• <i>Enhanced Scoring/Favorable Lending Rates HMFA Programs</i></li> <li>• <i>Enhanced Scoring NJRA Programs</i></li> <li>• <i>Protection from exclusionary zoning litigation</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>Regulatory changes from HMFA and COAH</i></p> <p><i>Programmatic changes from NJRA and DCA</i></p>

<p>(recommended)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development Fee Ordinance and Spending Plan (recommended)</li> </ul>		
<b>J. Infrastructure &amp; Utilities</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infrastructure Capacity Analysis</li> <li>• Utility Element</li> <li>• Solid Waste Management/Recycling Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Incentives for Extensions of Utility Service</i></li> <li>• <i>Smart Growth Infrastructure Investment Program</i></li> <li>• <i>Targeted Revitalization Incentive Program</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>Regulatory changes from BPU</i></p>
<b>K. Transportation</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved Circulation Element</li> <li>• Link Local Land Use &amp; Transportation Infrastructure Capacity in master plan including transit score for nodes and environs</li> <li>• Compliance with Airport Safety Zoning Act</li> <li>• Compliance with State Highway Access Management Plan</li> <li>• Parking Analysis</li> <li>• Evaluation &amp; Analysis of Public Transit including transit score assessment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Technical Assistance</i></li> <li>• <i>Enhanced Scoring in Municipal Aid Formula Funding</i></li> <li>• <i>Local Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning Assistance</i></li> <li>• <i>Enhanced Scoring in Transportation Enhancements Program</i></li> <li>• <i>Eligibility for Centers of Place Program</i></li> <li>• <i>Access level change, DTS Change, Access Management Plan</i></li> <li>• <i>Capital Investments on State Highway System (depending upon local partnership potential)</i></li> <li>• <i>Eligibility for enhanced treatment by DOT Access Code</i></li> <li>• <i>Prioritized review for DOT access permit applications</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>Regulatory changes from NJDOT and Transit</i></p>
<b>Step 4: Planning &amp; Implementation Agreement</b>		